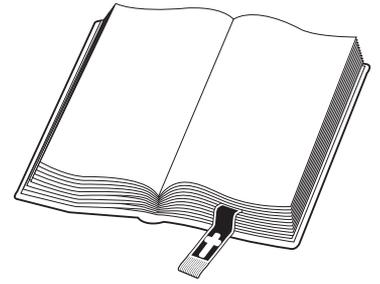


# Is There Any Safe Place?

*“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.”* Psalm 119:114



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Beloved, you and I know we live in a world full of sin and suffering. The terrorist attacks on America have caused many to be fearful and wonder if there is anything in life in which they can trust. It caused many to question the security that they felt and took for granted. War and terrorist attacks always happen in other countries—to other people. However, on September 11, 2001 it happened here. Here in America. We were the people attacked. When it happens to other people in other countries, we can hear it on the news and go about our daily lives, but not this time.

Many countries have experienced terrorist attacks for years. Many have lived among war and famine for years. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have daily suffered beatings, rape, hunger, imprisonment, and death for their faith in Christ. This has been happening for years in many countries, yet few Christians know about it. Few churches speak about the persecuted church. Few professing Christians pray or help support those believers who suffer for their faith in Christ.

In the United States, people are listening to the news, wondering if there will be another attack. Where, when, and how it will come? So much pain and suffering. The effects of the terrorist attacks have changed countless lives throughout the world. Beloved, suffering, sorrow, sickness, and death come into the lives of believers as well as unbelievers. What makes the difference in the life of a believer is our relationship with Jesus Christ! Satan

is the terrorist who attacks every believer daily; however, Psalm 119:114 tells us the Lord is our hiding place. We can run to Him for strength and comfort day or night.

As a child growing up in Scotland, I lived through two wars. One was World War II where I lived with the terror of bombs, dead bodies, gas masks, air raid shelters, and burning buildings for years!

The second war I lived through was in my home. It was a 16-year war living in an alcoholic home where I was constantly verbally, physically, and sexually abused. For years both wars were taking place at the same time! I was not a believer then. However, when I put my trust in Christ as my Savior in March 1976, I could clearly see the countless ways that God had protected and provided for me.

GOD’S AMAZING GRACE, love, mercy, and forgiveness have transformed my life. Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit have healed and restored me. Beloved, as believers we can trust Jesus to help us and to give us comfort through every painful situation in life. I know this from personal experience. Trust Christ.

— *Janice McBride*

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